original to be read in the digital copying machine, the original image is read according to the read control data stored in the memory card, and the obtained image data is stored into the memory card.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 31, 34-39 and 43-47 as follows:

31.   (Amended)   A printer comprising:

means for printing an image according to image data;

means for retrieving output control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;

means for setting an operation condition of said printing means according to the output control parameters; and

means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data.

34.   (Amended)   The printer according to claim 31, further comprising means for erasing the image data and output control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

35.   (Amended)   A printer comprising:

means for printing an image according to image data;

means for retrieving output control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;

means for setting an operation condition of the printing means according to the output control parameters;

means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data;

a sorter for sorting printed paper; and

means for controlling the sorter according to output control parameters stored in the removable storage medium.

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36.   (Amended)   The printer according to claim 35, further comprising means for storing information of functions of the printing means and sorter into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating output control parameters.

37.   (Amended)   A printer comprising:

means for printing an image according to image data;

means for retrieving output control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;

means for setting an operation condition of the printing means according to the output control parameters;

means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data;

a finisher for stapling printed paper; and

means for controlling the finisher according to output control parameters stored in the removable storage medium.

38.   (Amended)   The printer according to claim 37, further comprising means for storing information of functions of the printing means and finisher into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating output control parameters.

39.   (Amended)   A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving output control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the output control parameters; and

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition.

43.   (Amended)   The method of claim 39, further comprising a step of erasing output control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

44. (Amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving output control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the output control parameters;

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition; and

sorting the print medium with a sorter according to the output control parameters.

45. (Amended) The method of claim 44, further comprising a step of storing information of functions of the printer and the sorter into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating output control parameters.

46. (Amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving output control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the output control parameters;

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition; and

stapling the print medium with a finisher according to the output control parameters.

47. (Amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising a step of storing information of functions of the printer and the finisher into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating output control parameters.